

17306. Misbranding of Anti-Uric and Anti-Uric outfits. U. S. v. 30 Bottles of Anti-Uric and 30 Anti-Uric Outfits. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 24610. I. S. Nos. 019244, 019245. S. No. 2948.)

On March 12, 1930, the United States attorney for the District of Oregon, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 30 bottles of Anti-Uric and 30 Anti-Uric outfits, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Portland, Oreg., alleging that the articles had been shipped by the Anti-Uric Co., from San Francisco, Calif., on or about February 5, 1930, and transported from the State of California into the State of Oregon, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analyses of samples of the articles by this department showed that the Anti-Uric outfit consisted of Anti-Uric, a carton of Pullman pills, and an oil for use with Anti-Uric; the Anti-Uric consisted essentially of extracts of plant drugs, traces of formaldehyde and volatile oils, alcohol, and water; the Pullman pills contained an extract of a plant drug such as aloe and resins; and the oil consisted essentially of methyl salicylate and a saponifiable oil.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said articles were false and fraudulent, since they contained no ingredients or combinations of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Anti-Uric, bottle label) "Rheumatism, Sciatica, Arthritis, Neuritis, Gout, Lumbago, Kidney Trouble, Blood Disorders, and General Uric Acid Condition * * * Anti-Uric is a Pure Vegetable Tonic Remedy;" (circular, accompanying Anti-Uric) "Rheumatism is considered a blood disease * * * Constipation, weak kidneys, stomach troubles or indigestion, while they may not be very bad in themselves, prevent the removal of the waste products from the body. The refuse accumulates in the stomach and bowels and forms uric acid and other poisons, which the blood quickly absorbs. These poisons irritate the delicate inner lining of the arteries and veins, and, when deposited in the joints, dry up and destroy the natural fluids, causing what is known as articular rheumatism; * * * Inflammatory rheumatism * * * Sciatic rheumatism, is one of the most painful afflictions * * * is a neuralgia of the Sciatic Nerve, characterized by severe pains in the back, thigh, leg or foot, following the course of the Sciatic Nerve. Chronic rheumatism * * * Acute rheumatism usually occurs with symptoms of fever, excruciating pains, enlarged joints * * * Neuritis and lumbago are true rheumatic ills and, like sciatica and inflammatory rheumatism, yield to Anti-Uric Treatment within 15 to 20 days. The Remedy: We wish to state again that rheumatism must be treated internally. Only a blood purifier is of permanent benefit. Anti-Uric is not only one of the best purifiers of the blood, but also promotes digestion and assimilation of the food, making rich, nourishing blood. * * * Its tonic effect * * * Anti-Uric will build up the entire system. * * * and increase the weight to normal. Anti-Uric * * * strengthening weak kidneys * * * We are warranted in stating that Anti-Uric will give satisfaction in every case of genuine rheumatism * * * In order to get the best results from Anti-Uric, the internal liquid * * * The parts which are sore and swollen must be massaged with Anti-Uric Oil * * * The bowels must be kept open by the use of the Pullman Pills * * * It is important that the patient continues the Anti-Uric treatment without a lapse, even if the pains increase, and especially if the case is Arthritis;" (carton, Anti-Uric outfit) "Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, Lumbago and General Uric-Acid Conditions, Anti-Uric, for internal use. * * * is a valuable tonic and anti-rheumatic promoting oxidation of uric-acid * * * Is Valuable in many cases of Rheumatism and Some Ailments Commonly Called Rheumatism. Rheumatic Fever, Inflammatory or Acute. And Sciatic Rheumatism;" (circular included with Anti-Uric outfit contains same statements as those quoted above); (bottle label in Anti-Uric outfit) "Anti-Uric * * * A Valuable Treatment for Rheumatism, Gout, Arthritis, Sciatica, Neuritis, Lumbago and General Acid Condition;" (oil, bottle label, in Anti-Uric outfit) "Oil for Use with Anti-Uric A penetrating * * * oil for External Use * * * Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica and Lumbago."

On May 12, 1930, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*